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Banks.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$5,000,000 Dollars.

RESERVE FUND, \$1,000,000 Dollars.

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—F. D. SASSOON, Esq.

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HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits:—

For 3 months, 3 per cent. per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

" 18 " 6 per cent. "

LOCAL BILLS DISCOUNTED.

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Offices of the Corporation,

No. 1, Queen's Road East.

Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION.

(Incorporated by Royal Charter.)

RATES of Interest allowed on Deposits.

At 3 months' notice 8% per Annum.

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" 12 " 5% "

D. A. J. CROMBIE, Acting Manager.

Oriental Bank Corporation,

Hongkong, July 1, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUS.

TRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, \$200,000.

RESERVE FUND, £150,000.

Bankers.

THE BANK OF ENGLAND.

THE CITY BANK.

THE NATIONAL BANK OF SCOTLAND.

THE BANK'S BRANCH in Hongkong grants Drafts on London and the chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

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On CURRENT ACCOUNTS, 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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W. BALL,

CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS, DRUGGISTS' SUNDRIES, TOILET REQUISITES, PATENT MEDICINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness, and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG.

—Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.

Hongkong, July 18, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

EX-LATE ARRIVALS.

CHUBB'S CASH and DEED BOXES. RODGERS & SONS' Celebrated CUTLERY. MAPPIN BROS.' GENTS' DRESSING CASES. WATERLOW & DE LA RUE'S STATIONERY. BILLIARD CLOTHS, and BILLIARD CHALK. BILLIARD CUE CEMENT and TIPS. TABLE GLASSWARE & CROCKERY. BRUSH-WARE of all Kinds. ALBUMS.

NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, &c.

FINE KENT HOPS:—MALT.

CARBOLIC ACID.

CAUSTIC SODA.

CHLORIDE OF LIME.

CROSSE & BLACKWELL'S CELEBRATED HOUSEHOLD STORES.

CALIFORNIA SODA CRACKERS.

FAMILY PIG PORK in kegs.

COMPRESSED CORNED BEEF.

COMPRESSED OX TONGUES.

COMPRESSED HAM.

BARCELONA and PEA NUTS, &c., &c., &c.

TEYSONNEAU'S FRUITS, in BRANDY, NOYEAU, and JUICE.

French JAMS and JELLIES.

" O. K." BOURBON WHISKEY (Bottled by L. A. & Co.)

Bass's ALE, in pints and qts., bottled by Cameron and Saunders.

GUINNESS'S STOUT, in pints and qts., bottled by E. & J. Burke.

BARCLAY & PERKINS PORTER, in Kilderkins and Hds.

CLARET, in Cask.

&c., &c., &c.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LAOF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves.)

CUT-LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lyle's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 LIII*.

FINE WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 LII*.

MEDIUM WHITE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 LII.

FINE YELLOW SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 LII.

COFFEE SUGAR, mark C. S. R.

(in diamond) 4 LII.

GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and MOLASSES.

SPIRITS OF WINE and LAMP SPIRIT.

RUM, 45°, 30°, O. P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

AMMONIACAL LIQUOR, from Bone.

BONE TAR (a preventive of white ant.)

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to THE MANAGER.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point,

Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

FOR SALE.

COKE and TAR in Quantities to suit Purchasers, at CHEAP RATES.

Apply to

GAS COMPANY,

West Point.

Hongkong, June 10, 1878.

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

MR. CHARLES J. HIRST has been

authorized to sign our firm per

Procuration.

BESSE & CO.

Hongkong, July 23, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our

Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on

the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & CO.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE OFFICES of the Underwritten

have been temporarily REMOVED

to the Premises in DUDDELL STREET,

formerly occupied by Messrs. NICHOLSON & CO.

LANDSTEIN & CO.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

ARTHUR CHART in our

Firm in Hongkong and China, ceased on

the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & CO.

Hongkong, July 15, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr.

ARTHUR CHART in our</

Notices to Consignees.

DANISH STEAMER NORDEN, Boysen, Master, FROM HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above Steamer are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the Godowns of the Under-signed, from whence delivery may be obtained.

Consignees wishing to take delivery of their Goods from the Boats alongside the Wharf are at liberty to do so.

Goods remaining in store after the 5th August next will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless written notice to the contrary is given before To-morrow, the 30th instant, at 10 a.m.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by Wm. PUSTAU & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

BRITISH BARQUE PENRITH, FROM LONDON.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE BRITISH SHIP BERTIE BIGLOW, FROM ANTWERP.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding the discharge of the Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

MEYER & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, July 29, 1878. aul

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Under-signed for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. du POUEY, Agent.

Ex "Amazon." TE 1844, Mr. L. Thevenin, from 1 case ink, ... Marseilles. Ex "Pct Ho." B No. 410/21 Order, 15 Cases from Wine, ... M. M. Marseilles. Hongkong, July 27, 1878.

TO LET.

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A THREE-STORIED DWELLING HOUSE, No. 113, Queen's Road East (Spring Gardens). Water laid on. Apply to D. NOWROJEE, HONGKONG HOTEL. Hongkong, July 25, 1878.

TO LET.

THREE OFFICES, in Club Chambers. The BUNGALOW, No. 24, Gage St. Apply to DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co. Hongkong, July 12, 1878.

TO LET.

IN THE HOUSES on MARINE LOT 65, formerly known as the Blue Houses, situated on Praya East:—

HOUSE No. 2, Praya East. The basement, together with First Floor, or separate if desired, with possession on the 1st July.

HOUSE No. 3, Praya East. The whole House or in Flats, with possession on the 1st of August.

As also,

The DWELLING House to the Eastward of Pier at Wan Chai. May be had as an entire Dwelling or in Apartments of two or three Rooms to suit convenience, with immediate possession. Fine spacious Veranda looking on to Harbour.

TO LET.

FIRST CLASS GRANITE GODOWNS, attached to Blue Houses at Wan Chai, MARINE LOT 65.

For particulars, apply to MEYER & Co. Hongkong, June 21, 1878.

TO LET.

HOUSE No. 2, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.

Houses No. 3, and 6, Seymour Terrace. DAVID SASBOON, ZONE & Co. Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debts contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—

ARTHUR LOWAY, British barque, Captain B. Galea.—Vocal, Hagedorn & Co.

KATE TATHAM, British barque, Captain B. Galea.—Vocal, Hagedorn & Co.

JEAN PIERRE, French bark, Captain Lepage.—Vocal, Hagedorn & Co.

ATHEEN, British barque, Captain Alex. Bingley.—Captain, Bingley & Co.

MARY BLAINE, British barque, Captain James Hiddle.—O. & O. S. S. Co.

LOTTIN MOORE, American barque, Capt. C. S. Hudson.—Arnold, Harberg & Co.

FRONTIER, British ship, Capt. G. B. Taylor.—Vocal, Hagedorn & Co.

KROENHAVEN, Danish steamer, Capt. L. O. Grove.—Siemers & Co.

REGATTA, British sloop, Capt. G. T. Hopkins.—Yuen Fat Hong.

BERTIE BIGLOW, British ship, Captain Wm. Pustau & Co.

Intimations.

IMPERIAL MARITIME CUSTOMS.
CONTRACT FOR THE SUPPLY OF LIGHT-HOUSE OIL.

SEALED TENDERS will be received at this Office till July 31st next, for the Supply of 5000 Gallons VEGETABLE OIL for use at the LIGHT-HOUSEES in the Southern Division of China, for the Year 1879. Printed forms of Tender for each of the 3 following kinds of Oil can be had at this Office on application, viz:

1ST TEA-NUT OIL
2ND PEA-NUT OIL
3RD RAPE-SEED OIL

The Oil to be perfectly pure and unmixed, of the best quality and color, and quite free from all impurities and sediment, and to be delivered at the Customs Godowns at Amoy in the following quantities, viz:

1000 Gallons on or before 1st November next.
1500 " " 1st December
2500 " " 1st March, 1879.

The Oil as it is delivered will be measured at the Custom House and 14½ Imperial gallons will be taken to weigh 1 picul, and each Tender must be accompanied by a sample in a clear glass bottle of not less than half a picul.

No Tender will be accepted on any other forms than those issued from this Office.

The Covers to be headed "Tender for Light-house Oil."

The Commissioner does not pledge himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

R. B. MOORHEAD,
Commissioner of Customs.
CUSTOM HOUSE,
Amoy, 15th June, 1878. aul

FOR SALE.

TWO AMERICAN and One ENGLISH Second-hand BILLIARD TABLES, with BALLS, CUES, LAMPS, &c., Complete.

Apply to D. NOWROJEE,
Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, July 11, 1878. tif.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL,
HONGKONG.

TO-MORROW Evening,
(THURSDAY), 1st AUGUST, 1878.

POSITIVELY LAST NIGHT.

GRAND COMPLIMENTARY BENEFIT
GIVEN BY
D OCTO R'S SILVESTER
AND
PROFESSOR W. M. FAY,
TO
MISS DAISY SILVESTER.

By kind permission of Colonel Jago, and Officers of the 7th Regiment, the Band will perform selections during each interval in the Entertainment.

"PROFESSOR" ILOILO,

A Local Amateur, will perform Three Celebrated Magic Illusions, viz:—

"THE FLYING BIRD CAGE,"
"THE DISSOLVING EGG,"
"THE MELTING HANDKERCHIEF."

THE BEAUTIFUL ENTRANCED LADY.

"FAIRY FOUNTAIN."

"FACES, FEATURES AND FANCIES,"
BY
MISS DAISY SILVESTER,

who will appear in her Prototypical, Characteristic and Unique Delications of Men of the Time.

BY DESIRE,

THE SHADOW SONG ("DINORAH"),
MADAME SILVESTER.

PROFESSOR W. M. FAY.

SCIENCE NATURAL & UNNATURAL

EXTRAMUNDANE SPIRITUAL.

PROF. FAY'S WORLD-REOWNED DARK SEANCE.

During the Seance the Musical Instrument will be Coated with Phosphorescence, so that the Audience may see the various movements that take place.

LETTERS may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878. sub

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET.—

The French Contract Packet *Anday* will be despatched from Hongkong on SATURDAY, the 3rd August, with Mail to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via Marseilles, to Salou, Australia, New Zealand, Tasmania, Fiji, Aden, Seychelles, Reunion, Mauritius, Suez, and Alexandria. This is the best opportunity for forwarding Correspondence to E. Africa, the Cape, St. Helena, and Ascension.

Letters may also be forwarded to INDIA by this Packet.

Hongkong, July 19, 1878. sub

MAILS BY THE UNITED STATES PACKET.—

The United States Mail Packet *Cassidy* will be despatched on TUESDAY, the 6th August, with Mail for Japan, San Francisco, and the United States, which will be closed as follows:—

2 P.M. Registry of Letters ceases.

2.30 P.M. Post-Office closes, but Letters (except for Non-Union Countries) may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 18 cents extra Postage until the time of departure.

Hongkong, July 22, 1878. sub

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET.—

The English Contract Packet *Rurit* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 10th August.

Hongkong, July 22, 1878. sub

MEMOS FOR TO-MORROW.

Miscellaneous.

Claims against the *Norden* must be presented to the Agents before 11 a.m.

Dividend of \$2.50 per Share of R. Hotel Co., Limited, payable at Hongkong Bank.

Shipping.

Noon.—*Douglas* leaves for Coast Potts.

Noon.—*Kopenhagen* leaves for Shanghai.

Amusement.

9 p.m.—Doctor Silvester's Performance at the City Hall.

To-day's Advertisements.

THE DANISH S. S. NORDEN,
Boysen, Master,

FROM HAMBURG AND SINGAPORE.

ALL CLAIMS against this Steamer must be presented at the Office of the Undersigned before 11 a.m., TO-MORROW, the 1st August, otherwise they will not be recognised.

Wm. PUSTAU & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 31, 1878. sub

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

July 31, *Anadyr*, French steamer, 2561, Mores, Shanghai July 23, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

July 31, *Zonais*, French steamer, 1756, De la Marcella, Yokohama July 24, Mails and General.—MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

July 31, *Amoy*, British steamer, 814, J. Peters, Shanghai July 29, General.—SIEMSEN & Co.

July 31, *Thingwall*, Danish steamer, 1578, H. P. Moles, Amoy July 29, 7 p.m., Tea.—MEYER & Co.

July 31, *Yesso*, British steamer, 560, S. Ashton, Foochow July 28, Amoy 29, and Swatow 30, General.—DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & Co.

DEPARTURES.

July 31, *Juliann*, for Tientsin.

31, *Quarta*, for Saigon.

31, *Amoy*, for Canton.

C. F. ARRED.

Fair Leader, for Yokohama.

Louis Eugene, for Kobe.

Sontag, for Iloilo.

Friedrich, for Guam.

Mina, for Keelung.

Sea Gull, for London.

Julie, for Quinhon.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Anadyr*, from Shanghai: for Hongkong, Mr. Alley Hoser, and 12 Chinese.

For Marseilles, Messrs. Rodewald, W. Forbes, J. Cooper, W. M. Cooper, and J. Thomas.

Per *Tanais*, from Yokohama, Rev. A. B. Hutchinson, Messrs. Plague, and Festfield.

hai Docks was made at Tls. 225 ex. dividend. Yangtsze have been sold at a decline of Tls. 5.

Hongkong and Shanghai Banks.—A considerable business has been done on long time at rates varying from 80 for February to 78 for October.—Hongkong buyers, Shanghai sellers. When the news became known that the Government at Peking refused to propose the loan of 1873, shares dropped here; but Hongkong came to the rescue and took many hundreds of shares from here at 70. The Hongkong public seem to have a profound faith in their local Bank stock, it must be the general public buying now, as a well-known member of the 'hull' ring has sold a large quantity of shares. This ring is strongly represented on the board, and backed by the resources of the Bank itself; it has of course a great advantage over the outside public, and the selling movement is supposed to be due to an objection on the part of the majority of the Board to pay more than £1. for the half year.

Chinese Loan of 1877.—Bonds continue in demand for remittance; they are getting scarce in China. Public attention has been much occupied by the discussion in the columns of the *Shanghai Courier* (vide *Celestial Empire*) concerning the issue and terms of this and the above Loan.

The Bank has been asked to indicate where a copy of the Edict referred to in its prospectus is to be seen; but no indication is shown of any intention to reply. It is also argued that the Bank has no right to charge the Chinese Government a higher rate of interest than that at which it borrowed the money from the public, as agents for, and on the credit of, that Government. If the Bank is in fact the properly authorized agent of the Imperial Chinese Government, as asserted in the prospectus of the Loan, there would appear to be very little room for argument about the matter, which may not improbably be re-adjusted.

Chinese Loan of 1878.—As stated above, the Imperial Government refuses its sanction to a Loan with foreigners. It authorizes instead an internal Loan for Tls. 6,000,000, repayable in six years. This Loan has therefore fallen through. A Loan has been offered to the Government contractor at 10½ per cent per annum; if proper Imperial authority to secure it can be procured.

Dividends has been declared of Tls. 5½ per share by the French Gas Co.; and Tls. 5 by the Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co., both interim. It is reported that Hongkong and Shanghai Bank is going to declare no more than its customary pound; a very prudent course for the directors to adopt; it is the equivalent of 8 per cent, and is a fair return upon the capital, although not upon the present market price; but it is probably a disappointment to speculators for the rise, who will have to go on buying themselves if they still wish to bolster up rates.

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LTD.

The twelfth ordinary meeting of the shareholders in the above Company was held at the Offices, Queen's Road, this afternoon. There were present: Messrs. L. Mendel (in the chair), A. Lind, H. H. Nelson, A. McG. Heaton, H. W. Davis, A. Coxon, A. G. Morris, H. Smith, B. Goldsmith, C. P. Chater, R. Deacon, Yee On, and W. H. Ray (Secretary).

The SECRETARY having read the notice convening the meeting;

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen; It is I think gratifying, considering the dullness of trade generally during the past year, that the Directors are in a position to place such a favourable report before the meeting.

The report has been in your hands for some days, and I presume we may consider it as read. You will observe that the total amount of premium amounted to £486,000, and that our net profits almost came up to £360,000. We propose to pay a dividend of 12 per cent to shareholders, and to pay to contributors of business a dividend of 15 per cent, instead of 10 per cent as last year.

We further propose to put a round sum of \$100,000 to the Reserve Fund, and to carry forward the sum of \$92,000, which is ample, because so far as we know up to the present our losses have been small. I regret to say that nothing new with regard to the estate of Augustine Heard & Company can as yet be said.

I fear that the dividends accruing out of this estate will be very small, but I hope when we meet again in 1879 that this unfortunate matter will have been brought to a final termination. We have been much more lucky with the *Japan*. The salvo operations are over, but the final distribution has not yet taken place. When this shall have been done our Reserve Fund will foot up to fully \$300,000, which amount is equal to our paid up capital. No doubt this will be regarded as very satisfactory.

Mr Heaton asked what was the amount of losses to be paid out of the sum carried forward.

The CHAIRMAN said the losses so far had been but small; and they would be between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

No further questions being asked,

The CHAIRMAN proposed the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr DEAN seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr NELSON proposed the re-election of Messrs. H. Nicols and A. Lind as Directors.

Mr DAVIS inquired whether or not Mr Nicols intended to return to China.

The CHAIRMAN said that so far as he was informed, he believed Mr Nicols would return to China; if he did not, of course a new Director would be appointed in his place.

Mr DAVIS seconded the motion.

Carried unanimously.

Mr LIND proposed and Mr Nicols seconded, that Messrs. H. Smith and T. G. Line should be re-elected as Auditors.

Carried unanimously.

Mr HEATON said that in view of the untiring energy and zeal displayed by Mr Hay, he begged to propose that they should, with the sanction of the Directors, allow him a bonus of \$1,000.

Mr CHATER said he had very great pleasure in seconding the motion (applause).

Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Coxon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the meeting then adjourned.

Police Intelligence.

(Both Magistrates sitting.)

July 31, 1878.

A CLEVER DETECTION.

Lam Akwal and Tsai Atip, chair bearers of chair No. 692, were charged by Inspector Thompson, with picking the pockets of a seaman named James Beattie. It appears that a seaman named James Beattie was brought to the Police Station at West Point last night, by Chinese Constable No. 189 in a drunken state, and his pockets turned inside out. He was in the defendant's chair and the defendants complained that they had not been paid their hire. Inspector Thompson questioned the 2nd defendant, who said that he had a 10-cent piece and a few cash in his purse. The Inspector had the 1st defendant brought into the Station and both of them searched. The seaman's discharge certificate was found on the person of the 1st defendant. The account given by the defendants about their money was correct.—The 1st defendant said he had found the discharge the previous day in front of the Stag Hotel. The defendants had no chair license and could not give the name of their steamer.

Lam Akwal, the acting interpreter at the West Point Station, proved seeing the discharge taken from the person of the 1st defendant, and corroborated Inspector Thompson's name as to what transpired.

James Beattie said he had the discharge all safe yesterday and showed it to several men. He was drunk and did not know what had occurred. He found himself in the Police cell this morning. Beattie was fined \$1 or 2 days' imprisonment for drunkenness, and the chair coolies were remanded until the 2nd August.

PUGNACIOUS CHAIR COOLIES.

Cheng Achung and Li Ahoi, chair coolies (licensed chair 360), were charged with violently assaulting Mr Alexander Roe, Chief Engineer of the Spanish steamer *Paragua*. It appears that the complainant hired the defendant's chair and kept it for a short time. He was in company with Captain Humphreys of the British steamer *Fitzpatrick*, and the chair was paid off at a Comprador's shop. Complainant gave his chair bearers 20 cents, and Captain Humphreys having had his chair all day paid 80 cents. Defendants on seeing this made great disturbance and demanded more money. They caught hold of complainant and knocked him down, cutting his wrist, and were helped by a number of other coolies, and it was only by the assistance of Captain Humphreys and a Sikh Constable that peace was restored.

Defendants of course denied the charge and said they had received no money at all. Mr Creagh fined them \$2 each, or 10 days' hard labour.

ASSAULT AND THREATENING.

Cheng Akong, a money changer, was charged by a Mr Joseph Nathan, residing at No. 7 Chancery Lane, with assaulting him and using threatening language. Mr Nathan was told that if he went to the Police Court and complained he could not go out safely at night time.

Mr Creagh fined the defendant 50 cents and ordered him to find security \$10 to be of good behaviour for 3 months.

CHARGE OF ASSAULT AGAINST BURKE, LATE 2ND MATE OF "THE FREDERICK."

Michael Burke, late 2nd mate of the British barque *The Frederick*, was charged with assaulting a man named Raab, one of the crew who has since died. Sergeant Foomey proved arresting the defendant on board the British barque *Areola*.

Frank Bell was then called and deposed to having seen Raab struck on various occasions. Bell said that he was formerly 2nd mate of *The Frederick*, but after defendant came on board at Bermuda (witness) was dismasted. Raab was a middle aged man, German by birth and spoke English imperfectly. He was a heavy built man before reaching Bermuda. He was in good health. Nothing particular occurred between Bermuda and Anjer, since leaving Anjer witness had frequently seen the prisoner and the Chief Mate strike the deceased.

Witness then related certain particular instances of flogging which the deceased had received at the hands of the accused. He had seen Raab with 7 or 8 cuts on his face after one of these beatings; he could swear that. He had heard the deceased say that he felt something was broken inside; this was after Raab had run from the ship. The prisoner appeared to be drunk. He had heard the Captain say that he would not let any man up unless he was compelled to; the Captain said he was not going to have a Hospital made of his ship.

The deceased appeared to be in pain for several days before he laid up. Deceased said he was in pain and his face looked as though he was.

In answer to the accused, witness said—I was not standing near scrubbing the mud off the chain cable when you struck Raab. I was standing near the fore rigging. I was doing nothing particular at the time. Raab was laid up before we left Batavia. He went to his bunk and said he could not stand the heat and smell of the kerosene oil. I know that you were sent forward on one Sunday by the mate to get Raab out to assist the men to furl the sails; Raab said he could not go, he was sick.

At this stage the case was remanded until 2 o'clock on Friday next, the 2nd proximo.

MARINE COURT OF ENQUIRY.

BOATS OF THE BRITISH SHIPS

“LORD OF THE ISLES.”

The enquiry into the loss of this vessel was opened to-day. The court comprised: The Hon. Charles May, (President), J. P. McKuen, Esq., (Harbour Master), T. Jackson, Esq., (Unofficial Justice of the Peace); R. McMurdo, Esq., (Government Marine Surveyor), and J. Metcalfe, Esq., (Master of the British steamer *Oceanic*).

Captain John Francis Piper, the master, was first examined. He said he held a London certificate of competency.

Mr LIND proposed and Mr Moors seconded, that Messrs. H. Smith and T. G. Line should be re-elected as Auditors.

Carried unanimously.

Mr HEATON said that in view of the untiring energy and zeal displayed by Mr Hay, he begged to propose that they should, with the sanction of the Directors, allow him a bonus of \$1,000.

Mr CHATER said he had very great pleasure in seconding the motion (applause).

Carried unanimously.

On the motion of Mr Coxon, a vote of thanks was passed to the Chairman, and the meeting then adjourned.

fine, but calm, and no moon, and a strong current was drifting the vessel to the South West; the vessel's position was marked on the chart and she was then hauled up. At past 12 o'clock, midnight, the vessel became unmanageable. All hands were called on deck in order to let go the anchor. The anchor was cocked and soundings obtained; 35 fathoms of water were found. Shortly afterwards this had decreased to 27 fathoms. The land appeared to be about 2 miles distant. The order was given to let go the anchor, but before it could be done the ship took the ground. The order was then countermanded. Just before she struck a light breeze from the S. E. was felt and the yards were trimmed accordingly. The 2nd mate was the officer of the watch when the ship struck. After she struck a boat was lowered and a ledge run out ahead with a 5-inch Manila hawser. The anchor was let go in 7 fathoms of water, and efforts were made to heave the vessel off, but she would not move. The tide was falling at this time, but the vessel was making no water. There was still a strong current running to the N. W. The sails were now lowered up and the men allowed to lie down for a short time as they had been working very hard. About 8 a.m. the tide commenced to make, and efforts to heave her off were again resorted to. The tide was by this time setting strong to the N. W. and the hawser parted. The vessel was then sitting on a rock on the starboard side, a little astern the main deck. Two feet of water were found in the hold and the vessel listed over 15 or 20 degrees. Four men then set to work at the pumps, and the rest of the crew got two boats out and provisioned. One boat was sent on shore at Andras Island, and the other was used to carry another anchor out from the starboard bow in a N. N. E. direction; a 7-inch hawser being used on this occasion. All efforts proved futile however, and the water was gaining on the pumps. The crew were sent on shore for the night, as it was feared that the ship would fall over. The next day a portion of the cargo was jettisoned, and as this did no good, and the water was gaining on the pumps no further exertions were made to haul the vessel off, as it was clear that if she was got off, she must inevitably sink in deep water. The mate was then sent away to Manila by way of Bulan with a boat's crew to seek assistance. He returned to the wreck on the 13th in the steamer *Carmigui*, accompanied by *Lloyd's* Surveyor, divers and diving apparatus, to examine the wreck. The steamer was then loaded with rigging, fittings and furniture from the wreck, and on the 15th July the crew all embarked on board the steamer and arrived at Manila on the 19th instant.

Witness continued:—My Chief Mate is in gaol charged with a serious offence and cannot be present here to-day. I only took two casts of the lead. The rock was not visible above water, and there were no breakers the water being quite smooth. At daylight I found we were only 200 or 300 yards of the beach. My crew behaved remarkably well. I remained on deck from Saturday morning at 6 o'clock until Monday morning when she struck. I did not think it imminent upon me to anchor before we were nearing the land, as I thought the vessel would drive through the channel. The steamer lashed alongside of the wreck. I was fully alive to the danger of my position, and it was this which induced me to remain on deck.

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Twenty years ago, I saw this trial, a novelty, performed by Professor Anderson, the Wizard of the North, at the Lyceum Theatre. It was given to the audience as an instance of what your critic has called "the mesmeric influence," and I, among others, was so far taken in that I was unable to account for what I saw in any rational way. Since those days, I have learnt how the trick—for such, of course, it is—was done; and without wishing to injure Dr. Silvester, I may fairly, as a direct and unfinishing opponent of the supernatural in every form or shape, inform those who would perhaps regard this performance as an argument in favour of "the mesmeric influence," that the will either of Dr. Silvester or of his "beautiful" daughter have nothing on earth to do with the matter.

Yours truly,

A YOUNG THESPIAN.

[It seems almost useless to inform our anti-supernatural correspondent that the Hongkong community are not entirely given over to a belief in mesmeric influence. But the seeming of such tricks as those of Dr. Silvester in course naturally half the battle, and we fancied that everybody was not only aware of this fact but rested satisfied that it should be so.—ED. C. M.]

CORRESPONDENCE.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

Hongkong, 31st July, 1878.

SIR.—I hardly know whether or not residents read the effusions that pass for "leaders" in the columns of your contemporary, but if so they may have been somewhat amused at his arguing in an article this morning that the Surveyor General was right (in his objections to certain plans for the construction of Chinese houses) and finally concluding with remarks to the effect that he was wrong.

Further attacks on Mission property are reported from Kien-Ning-fu and Yen-Ping-fu. At the first named important and populous inland city a chapel belonging to the Church Missionary Society was, we hear, completely destroyed a short time ago by a mob—headed by the *literati* and gentry of that place. At first, the rioters threatened to kill the catechist in charge of the chapel, but subsequently they ordered him to leave the city, and not to return—under penalty of instant death should he be again discovered. The people of Kien-Ning are notoriously anti-foreign, and in these high-handed proceedings we are of course furnished with far from edifying illustrations of the prevailing sentiment. Yen-Ping-fu has also distinguished itself more than once by its unreasoning animosity to foreigners. Quite recently the *literati* and gentry (always the *literati*) assembled in one of the temples to discuss suitable measures for the destruction of the English and American Mission Chapels, at that place. The preachers in charge of these Missions, learning of what was going on, petitioned the district magistrate, who deplored a man of some local influence to proceed to the temple where the meeting was then being held, and endeavour to restrain the people from carrying out their threats. The magistrate's deputy we are told, met with a very rough reception at the hands of the mob, and barely escaped being murdered by the ignorant ruffians.

He was taken to the Prefect's *yanmen*, where (odd fact of all) he was bambooed by order of that zealous and efficient protector of the public and peace, the poor man having been employed to restrain the mob. This extraordinary treatment of the Yen-Ping magistrate's deputy, supplies us with an excellent clue to the native system of administering justice; and we can well understand the difficulty experienced by subordinate officials in checking popular fanaticism when they are uncertain as to the instance, of the support of their superiors in office.

Yours obediently,

A MERCHANT.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

31st July, 1878.

SIR.—Can you or any of your readers point out in the annals of journalism an instance of such utter confusion of ideas as that shown in the leading article of your *goodly* contemporary in this morning's issue? H. E. will doubtless place much weight on the advice there given, as it is about as comprehensible as Mr. Minot's *Minot* and the Acting Surveyor General's clause regarding this Chinese house-constructing fiasco. Your morning paper has stumbled lately upon more than one precious vein in our worthy Governor's policy, and in his breathless hurry to proclaim the fact he has jumbled up facts with his own nonsense in a most alarming manner. What are we coming to?

Yours,

S. P.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL."

July 30, 1878.

SIR.—In your account of Dr Silvester's recent entertainment given at the City Hall, you say of Miss Silvester, "I dropped

Mails.

Intimations.

NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
POINT DE GALLE,
ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT
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MARSEILLES;
ALSO,
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ON SATURDAY, the 3rd August 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. A. N. D. Y. R., Commander MOREAU, with MAILS, PASSENGERS, SPECIE, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

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For further particulars, apply at the Company's Office.

H. DU POUHEY,
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Hongkong, July 22, 1878.

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Surplus \$5,500,000

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Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

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Hongkong, July 9, 1878.

NOTICE.

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NAVIGATION COMPANY,
IN LIQUIDATION.

A FIFTH RETURN OF CAPITAL at the Rate of TWO AND ONE-HALF TAELS per SHARE will be made to Shareholders of Record on 6th July, payable at the Office of the Liquidators, on MONDAY, the 16th July.

Warrants will then be delivered by the Undersigned to Shareholders, or their lawful representatives, on presentation of Share Certificates for Endorsement.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 6th to the 16th July, inclusive.

By Order,

RUSSELL & CO.,
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Shanghai, July 4, 1878.

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JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,
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Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

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Intimations.

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Hongkong, June 3, 1878.

General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

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Hongkong, October 27, 1874.

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Hongkong, October 14, 1868.

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Hongkong, August 23, 1877.

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to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Exclusive of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Anchor age.	Flag.	Class.	Tons.	Guns.	H. P.	Date of Arrival.	Commander.	Remarks.
Stealmor	7 h	British	gun vessel	781					